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1. KIM DONG-JO. 4/2 PRESS QUOTES "HIGH-RANKING MOFA SOURCES":
"WE UNDERSTAND THAT FORMER AMB KIM HAS MUCH TO CLARIFY ABOUT
HIS POSITION ON THE REPORTS THAT HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN
LOBBYING ACTIVITIES". SOURCES SAID KIM'S DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY
IS NOT NEGOTIABLE; HE WOULD NOT GO TO US FOR ANY DIRECT
TESTIMONY; AND MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
IN SEOUL OR THIRD COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. "ASKED
TO ELABORATE ON THE COOPERATION (WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK),
THE SOURCES SAID THAT KIM MIGHT SEND PERSONAL LETTERS TO
US CONGRESS; THEY ALSO NOTED THAT HE MAY HAVE MEETINGS WITH
US AMB SNEIDER TO INDIRECTLY EXTEND HIS POSITION OT US
CONGRESS." TONGA ILBO (4/3) QUOTES FORMIN: "ON THIS
SUBJECT, I HAVE FOUND VERY FEW NEWSPAPER REPORTS TRUE.
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I URGE THE PRESS TO REFRAIN FROM SUCH SPECULATION
WHICH IS FAR FROM THE TRUTH".

2. TITO/NK. HEADLINES ON 4/3 TO SANKEI SHIMBUN 4/1
ARTICLE CITING "DIPLOMATIC SOURCE IN WASH" THAT TITO
SECRETLY DISPATCHED SPECIAL ENVOY TO DPRK IMMEDIATELY
AFTER RETURNING FROM MEETING WITH PRES. CARTER. PRESS

COMBINES THIS STROY WITH SPECULATION THAT BOTH
CEAUSCESCU AND FUKUDA WILL DISCUSS KOREAN SITUATION WHEN
THEY VISIT WASH. KYONGHYANG SINMUN WASH CORRESPONDENT
MENTIONS NODONG SINMUN (NO DATE GIVEN) REJECTED US/ROK/
DPRK TALKS PROPOSAL. NOTE: NO OTHER PAPERS MENTION
THIS AND NOTHING OF THIS SORT HAS BEEN MONITORED BY
FBIS. TONGA ILBO AND SEOUL SINMUN EDITORIALS (4/3)
OPPOSE 3-PARTY TALKS, NOTING DPRK WOULD USE SUCH FORUM
ONLY FOR PROPAGANDA. BOTH PAPERS MAKE ANALOGY TO
PARIS PEACE TALKS IN WHICH SOUTH VIETNAM PLAYED THE
"BRIDESMAID" WHILE US AND NORTH VIETNAM DID THE TALKING.

3. ARMACOST. LARGE FRONTPAGE (4/1 TO TONGA ILBO
INTERVIEW WITH NSC ARMACOST. REPORTS ARMACOST SAYING
1) EVENTUALLY EXISTENCE OF TWO GOVERNMENTS OF PENINSULA
WILL BE ACCEPTED; 2) NO PEACE UNTIL SOLUTION THROUGH
DPRK/ROK DIALOGUE; 3) RE-AFFIRMED US POSITION ON NO
TALKS WITH DPRK WITHOUT ROK; 4) TROOP WITHDRAWAL
PREMISED ON NO DPRK MILITARY PROVOCATION - IF PREMISE
PROVED UNTRUE, US WOULD RECONSIDER WITHDRAWAL PLAN.
5) CITED ROK'S HEAVY INDUSTRY MAKING MILITARY BALANCES FOR
NEXT TEN YEARS FAVORABLE TO ROK. 6) RE-AFFIRMED DEFENSE COMMITMENT
TO ROK. 7) NOTED ORGANIZATION OF TASK FORCES TO RESPOND
TO REGIONAL AREAS OF CONFLICT.
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